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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION AFTER RCE

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated January 31, 2008. reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the amendments remarks that follow.

No amendments are made to the claims. However, for ease of reference a listing of claims is provided beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.